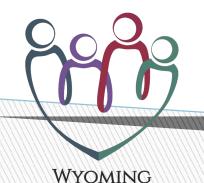
Emergency Rental Assistance Program

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What is the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)?

The U.S. Treasury has provided the State with funds to:

- help cover rent and utilities costs for individuals and families struggling financially due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- keep people housed during the pandemic to avoid spreading COVID-19

What can ERAP assist with?

- Rent (past-due and future payments)
- Maintaining safe housing and avoiding evictions
- Utilities water, sewer, trash, electric, gas, and fuel oil/propane (past-due and future payments)
- Internet
- Case management other housing supports

Who qualifies?

- Renter households
 - Adverse financial impacts of COVID-19
 - Risk of homelessness or housing instability
 - Income based
 - Household income must be at or below 80% of area median income (AMI)
 - AMI depends on how many people live with you and the county you live in

Area Median Income (AMI) by County

| | | | | House | onthly Inc | | | |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Count | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Albany | \$ 3,720.83 | \$ 4,250.00 | \$ 4,783.33 | \$ 5,312.50 | \$ 5,737.50 | \$ 6,162.50 | \$ 6,587.50 | \$ 7,012.50 |
| Big Horn | \$ 3,720.83 | \$ 4,250.00 | \$ 4,783.33 | \$ 5,312.50 | \$ 5,737.50 | \$ 6,162.50 | \$ 6,587.50 | \$ 7,012.50 |
| Campbell | \$ 4,383.33 | \$ 5,008.33 | \$ 5,633.33 | \$ 6,258.33 | \$ 6,762.50 | \$ 7,262.50 | \$ 7,762.50 | \$ 8,262.50 |
| Carbon | \$ 3,720.83 | \$ 4,250.00 | \$ 4,783.33 | \$ 5,312.50 | \$ 5,737.50 | \$ 6,162.50 | \$ 6,587.50 | \$ 7,012.50 |
| Converse | \$ 3,937.50 | \$ 4,500.00 | \$ 5,062.50 | \$ 5,620.83 | \$ 6,070.83 | \$ 6,520.83 | \$ 6,970.83 | \$ 7,420.83 |
| Crook | \$ 3,920.83 | \$ 4,483.33 | \$ 5,041.66 | \$ 5,600.00 | \$ 6,050.00 | \$ 6,500.00 | \$ 6,945.83 | \$ 7,395.83 |
| Fremont | \$ 3,720.83 | \$ 4,250.00 | \$ 4,783.33 | \$ 5,312.50 | \$ 5,737.50 | \$ 6,162.50 | \$ 6,587.50 | \$ 7,012.50 |
| Goshen | \$ 3,720.83 | \$ 4,250.00 | \$ 4,783.33 | \$ 5,312.50 | \$ 5,737.50 | \$ 6,162.50 | \$ 6,587.50 | \$ 7,012.50 |
| Hot Springs | \$ 3,720.83 | \$ 4,250.00 | \$ 4,783.33 | \$ 5,312.50 | \$ 5,737.50 | \$ 6,162.50 | \$ 6,587.50 | \$ 7,012.50 |
| Johnson | \$ 3,720.83 | \$ 4,250.00 | \$ 4,783.33 | \$ 5,312.50 | \$ 5,737.50 | \$ 6,162.50 | \$ 6,587.50 | \$ 7,012.50 |
| Laramle | \$ 3,720.83 | \$ 4,250.00 | \$ 4,783.33 | \$ 5,312.50 | \$ 5,737.50 | \$ 6,162.50 | \$ 6,587.50 | \$ 7,012.50 |
| Lincoln | \$ 3,720.83 | \$ 4,250.00 | \$ 4,783.33 | \$ 5,312.50 | \$ 5,737.50 | \$ 6,162.50 | \$ 6,587.50 | \$ 7,012.50 |
| Natrona | \$ 3,720.83 | \$ 4,250.00 | \$ 4,783.33 | \$ 5,312.50 | \$ 5,737.50 | \$ 6,162.50 | \$ 6,587.50 | \$ 7,012.50 |
| Niobrara | \$ 3,720.83 | \$ 4,250.00 | \$ 4,783.33 | \$ 5,312.50 | \$ 5,737.50 | \$ 6,162.50 | \$ 6,587.50 | \$ 7,012.50 |
| Park | \$ 3,720.83 | \$ 4,250.00 | \$ 4,783.33 | \$ 5,312.50 | \$ 5,737.50 | \$ 6,162.50 | \$ 6,587.50 | \$ 7,012.50 |
| Platte | \$ 3,720.83 | \$ 4,250.00 | \$ 4,783.33 | \$ 5,312.50 | \$ 5,737.50 | \$ 6,162.50 | \$ 6,587.50 | \$ 7,012.50 |
| Sheridan | \$ 3,720.83 | \$ 4,250.00 | \$ 4,783.33 | \$ 5,312.50 | \$ 5,737.50 | \$ 6,162.50 | \$ 6,587.50 | \$ 7,012.50 |
| Sublette | \$ 4,520.83 | \$ 5,166.66 | \$ 5,812.50 | \$ 6,454.16 | \$ 6,970.83 | \$ 7,487.50 | \$ 8,004.16 | \$ 8,520.83 |
| Sweetwater | \$ 4,212.50 | \$ 4,812.50 | \$ 5,412.50 | \$ 6,012.50 | \$ 6,495.83 | \$ 6,975.00 | \$ 7,458.33 | \$ 7,937.50 |
| Teton | \$ 4,579.16 | \$ 5,233.33 | \$ 5,887.50 | \$ 6,541.66 | \$ 7,066.66 | \$ 7,591.66 | \$ 8,112.50 | \$ 8,637.50 |
| Uinta | \$ 3,720.83 | \$ 4,250.00 | \$ 4,783.33 | \$ 5,312.50 | \$ 5,737.50 | \$ 6,162.50 | \$ 6,587.50 | \$ 7,012.50 |
| Washakie | \$ 3,720.83 | \$ 4,250.00 | \$ 4,783.33 | \$ 5,312.50 | \$ 5,737.50 | \$ 6,162.50 | \$ 6,587.50 | \$ 7,012.50 |
| Weston | \$ 3,991.66 | \$ 4,562.50 | \$ 5,133.33 | \$ 5,700.00 | \$ 6,158.33 | \$ 6,612.50 | \$ 7,070.83 | \$ 7,525.00 |

Who can apply?

- Renters can apply
- Landlords can apply, but only with the renter's permission in writing

When and where can I apply?

- Applications are not yet available
- Goal: Accept applications in April 2021
- Online, internet based filing from a computer or smartphone
- Application assistance

What documents will be required?

A finalized list will be available when application goes live

- Proposed documents may include:
 - Copy of lease
 - Utility bills and most recent account statement
 - Income documents, such as:
 - Documentation of unemployment benefits
 - 2020 tax filing
 - Most recent pay stubs, covering a two-month period

Additional Documentation

- Additional Documentation may include
 - Past due notices
 - Eviction notices
 - Proof of significant costs or financial hardship related to COVID-19 (medical bills, child care, etc.)

What can renters do now?

- Sign up for ERAP updates at <u>dfs.wyo.gov</u>
- Start looking at the documentation requirements and make a plan for collecting them.
- Share ERAP information with your landlord and let them know you intend to apply as soon as applications become available.

What does a landlord need to do?

- Sign up for ERAP updates at <u>dfs.wyo.gov</u>
- Watch for future stakeholder/partner meetings
- Share ERAP information with your renters
- Start to plan how you can help your renters, or apply on their behalf, when the applications become available

What about people with a mortgage?

- Under federal law this program is only available to household renters (not including commercial renters)
- Contact 2-1-1 for information on other assistance that may be available in your area.

How can my organization get involved?

- Sign up for ERAP updates at <u>dfs.wyo.gov</u>
- Watch for future stakeholder/partner meetings
- A non-profit stakeholder meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 5 at 2pm. Send email to <u>rentalassistance@wyo.gov</u>

Community Input via Survey

- Community Input will help shape the application process and communication plan.
- Please complete the ERAP Survey located at dfs.wyo.gov

Helpful Links for More information

- DFS ERAP Program https://dfs.wyo.gov/assistance-program-erap/
- Area Median Monthly Income Table
 https://dfs.wyo.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/02
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- 2-1-1 https://wy211.communityos.org/

Questions?